

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Green Hills Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number 14/42

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 8
C-9

4. Address 9001 Huntmaster Lane, Gaithersburg

5. Classification Summary

Category buildings

Ownership private

Public Acquisition NA

Status occupied

Accessible restricted

Present use agriculture

Previous Survey Recording M-MCPC Federal State X County X Local

(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)

6. Date 1880

7. Original Owner Harry Riggs

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

c. original site

b. altered

9. Description: This 2½ story, L-shaped, frame house sits on a knoll, 3 miles from the road, facing south. It is 5 bays by 6 bays.

The original structure has a tin roof, a 3 bay porch with 4 chamfered posts, and 2 half-posts attached to the house. The interior has been very well maintained. The focal point is the open, modified geometric stair with ornamental brackets and carved balusters. A wing was added in the 1960s.

A dozen outbuildings are behind the house to serve the dairy business operated herer. The original barn has a fieldstone foundation, and hand hewn beams and uprights. An old mill race laces the southeastern section of the farm.

10. Significance: The farm is significant as a continuum of local history. A house and barns were built by Harry Riggs, deeded to his son, Remus D. Riggs, and now operated as a successful dairy business by Remus Riggs' daughter and her husband.

The house is typical of 19th century farmhouses built by a fairly prosperous farmer. Milk has been sold from the farm since the early 20th century, and still is.

11. Date researched and researcher: 1979 - Peg Coleman

12. Compiler Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled 2/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage 11.0 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/42
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Green Hills Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9001 Blunt Road (Huntmaster Lane)

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maude B. Riggs (house) Green Hill Farms (farm) Telephone #: 926-701

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL ☒ —STATE ☒ —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:14-42

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story L-shaped, 5 bay by 6 bay frame house sits on a knoll ³ miles north of Huntmaster Lane and faces south. A patterned tin roof covers the original house, and asphalt shingles the later part. Novelty siding is on two sides of the former, and matching bevel siding the remaining house. It has an uncoursed fieldstone foundation.

The kitchen wing was added by the current owners in the 1960s, replacing an older kitchen section.

The east facade has a one bay, two story, and a one bay story addition.

At the rear, facing north, is a one bay porch with a shed roof, enclosed on three sides.

The front entrance has a three bay porch with a shed roof, one story, an open-string stair, brick foundation posts connected with lattice, a railing and four chamfered posts with two half posts attached at the house, one on either side. The door has two lights, one pane is original, and two moulded panels with a rectangular transom window above the door. A half-moon palladian fanlight is centered in the peaked gable on this facade. The porch floor is tongue and groove, and the ceiling of 1" beaded boards.

Green painted louvered shutters face each of the two over two, double-hung windows.

There are two interior, and one exterior, brick chimneys.

Old boxwood plantings flank the porch.

The interior has been well maintained, and the focal point is the open, modified geometric stair with ornamental brackets, and carved balusters. The handrail curves and twists descending from the second floor, and ends at the carved newel.

The ceiling height on the first floor is approximately 14 feet.

A dozen outbuildings are behind the house to serve the needs of this dairy business. The original wood barn, directly north of the house, has a fieldstone foundation, hand hewn beams and uprights with adze marks clearly visible and a tin roof.

A large, cement block dairy barn built in the early 1930s, and a new cement block dairy are east of the old barn, and numerous smaller buildings, silos and sheds.

A stream which was a mill race laces the southeastern section of the farm, rerouting part of Little Seneca Creek.

The entire farm appears to be in very good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Green Hills is a typical late-19th-century farm house. It was built in the 1880s by Harry Riggs, son of Remus D. Riggs of Fertile Meadows, Goshen, a member of the prominent Riggs family of Brookeville.

Riggs purchased the site in 1881 from David L. and Mary J. Pugh,¹ and built his farm house and a barn, with a stone foundation and a loft for hay and grain, shortly afterward. The farm encompasses parts of several tracts dating back to Revolutionary times: Lodewick's (Lodowick's) Range, Davis Content, Glasgow, and the Resurvey on Benjamin Square.

Riggs raised multi-purpose cows, a mixed breed used for both meat and milk. He evidently prospered, for in 1914 he bought an adjoining parcel, the "Mill Dam Lot", from William H. Fulk's.²

His son, Remus D., took over as farm manager in the early 1920s. He switched to registered Holstein dairy cattle and began shipping milk with Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association in 1922 with 18 cows.³ He was deeded the farm in 1926,⁴ added a stanchion dairy barn about 1930, and built an addition around 1935.

Barbara Riggs, daughter of Remus, married dairyman Stanley Stiles, and lives in the farmhouse. She and Stanley operate the dairy business, now owned by a corporation consisting of the heirs of Remus D. and Maude B. Riggs. They upgraded the barn to include a milking parlor in 1958.

They have continued raising Holstein cattle and presently milk 120, shipping more than 5,000 lbs. of milk to market daily.

FOOTNOTES:

¹ Land Records of Montgomery County, EBP 25/128 (10/31/1881).

² Ibid., 240/138 (1/9/1914).

³ Telephone Conversation, Md.-Va. Milk Producers Association, April 2, 1979.

⁴ Land Records, op. cit., 403/350 (6/22/1926).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Telephone Interviews: Md.-Va. Milk Producers Association, April 2, 1979.
Daughters of Remus D. Riggs - Mary Stinson and Barbara Stiles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11.0 (acreage with building)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

One-half mile south of Goshen Road on Huntmaster Lane.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peg Coleman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~
~~The Shaw House State Circle~~
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Green Hills Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Riggs House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Blunt Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. D. Riggs				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame building with a five bay main (south) facade. It is built on the foundation of an earlier building. There is a porch across the central three bays. The boxed cornice is returned into the gable ends. The siding is tongue-and-groove. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is about 90 years old.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

M: 14-42

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 12 July 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 17, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

Dear Mr. Menke:

The attached letter sent to you on August 4, 1987, states that the issuance of a demolition permit can be allowed on a property identified on the Locational Atlas as Site #14/42, Green Hills Farm. However, the attached building permit, which was the subject of the public hearing, is a request from the owners to place aluminum siding on the house and not for demolition. Therefore, the action of the Planning Board allows the owners to place aluminum siding on the house rather than grant the issuance of a demolition permit as stated in the letter.

Please contact me at 495-4565 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Cianci
Susan Cianci
Planner

SC
Attachments

cc: Historic Preservation Commission
Park Historian's Office
Maryland Historic Trust ✓
Joyce R. Hawkins

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

TAX ACCOUNT # 3286
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER Joyce R. Hawkins et al. TELEPHONE NO. (301) 926-3883
(Contract/Purchaser) (Include Area Code)
ADDRESS 22130 Goshen School Road, Gaithersburg, MD. 20879
CITY STATE ZIP
CONTRACTOR _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER _____
PLANS PREPARED BY _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
(Include Area Code)
REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE
House Number 9001 Street Huntmaster Road
Town/City Laytonsville Election District 1
Nearest Cross Street Brink Road
Lot _____ Block _____ Subdivision _____
Liber 7146 Folio 785 Parcel P333

1A. TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION: (circle one)
Construct Extend/Add Alter/Renovate Repair
Wreck/Raze Move Install Revocable Revision
Circle One: A/C Sled Room addition Swimming Pool
Porch Deck Fireplace Shed Siler Woodburning stove
Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Other Aluminum siding
1B. CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE \$ _____
1C. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE PERMIT SEE PERMIT # _____
1D. INDICATE NAME OF ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY Pepco
1E. IS THIS PROPERTY A HISTORICAL SITE? Yes

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS N/A
2A. TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL
01 () WSSC 02 () Septic
03 () Other _____
2B. TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY
01 () WSSC 02 () Well
03 () Other _____

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL N/A
3A. HEIGHT _____ feet _____ inches
3B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:
1. On party line/Property line _____
2. Entirely on land of owner _____
3. On public right of way/easement _____ (Revocable Letter Required).

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent (agent must have signature notarized on back)

Date

APPROVED _____ For Chief, Division of Construction Codes Enforcement

DISAPPROVED _____ Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION/PERMIT NO: _____ FILING FEE: \$ _____
DATE FILED: _____ PERMIT FEE: \$ _____
DATE ISSUED: _____ BALANCE: \$ _____
RECEIPT NO: _____ FEE WAIVED _____ OWNERSHIP CODE _____

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 4, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

Mr. John Menke, Director
Montgomery County Department of
Environmental Protection
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

AUG 11 1987

MARYLAND HISTORICAL
TRUST

Dear Mr. Menke:

On August 3, 1987, the Montgomery County Planning Board held a public hearing, as required under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, to make a finding on the significance of the Green Hills Farm, identified as Site #14/42 in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland.

This site, located at 9001 Huntmaster Road, was found not to warrant designation on the master plan. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Board closed the record on the site and voted unanimously to remove this property from the Locational Atlas in order to allow the issuance of a demolition permit on the site.

Although removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

Please adjust your records to reflect the Planning Board's action. If you have any questions concerning this site, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Cianci at 495-4565.

Sincerely,

Norman

Norman L. Christeller
Chairman, MCPB

NLC/MR/mc

cc: Historic Preservation Commission
Park Historian's Office
Maryland Historical Trust ✓
Joyce R. Hawkins



NAME #14-42 GREEN HILLS FARM

LOCATION BLUNT RD., GOSHEN, MD.

FACADE N.E.

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